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For: VACUUM SWITCHING CHAMBER HAVING AN ANNULAR
INSULATOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

August 24, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the original specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the original claims with the following new claims:

1. (Amended) A vacuum switching chamber for switching short-circuit currents in the low-voltage range, including a stationary contact tip and a contact tip which can move axially with respect to the stationary contact tip, each contact tip including an associated power current